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DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
Committee on Imagery Requirements and Exploitation
Washington, DC 20505

8 September 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR: COMIREX Principals
FROM: Executive Secretary, COMIREX
SUBJECT: Update of the National Tasking Plan (NTP)

25X1 Attached for your information is a copy of the Chairman, COMIREX's 6 July memorandum to the DCI on the subject. Note the DDCI's concurrence. 

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6 July 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
THROUGH: Director, Intelligence Community Staff *[Signature]*
FROM: Chairman, COMIREX
SUBJECT: Update of the National Tasking Plan (NTP)

25X1 1. There is a document titled the "National Tasking Plan for Imagery Processing and Exploitation" which serves as the primary directive for the conduct of imagery exploitation by the Intelligence Community. (A copy of the NTP is attached.) The NTP is signed by the DCI and the Secretary of Defense and is to be updated by COMIREX every five years. The last version was published in 1982; therefore, it should have been updated last year. I chose not to update it last year because only a few cosmetic changes would have been made to it. My plan was to wait until we got the COMIREX Strategic Plan for the Imagery Community under way to determine what, if any, major changes should be made to improve the efficiency of the Imagery Community.

25X1 2. There is now another factor that could affect the next version of the NTP, that being the review of the Imagery Community in response to a request from the HPSCI as stated in their FY-1989 budget feedback. My current view is not to do anything to the NTP until the study for the HPSCI is completed, and you and the Secretary of Defense have a chance to see whether or not you may want to make any changes to the way the Imagery Community conducts its business. Once that is done--by mid-January 1989--revising the NTP to reflect any changes makes sense. We also hope to have made progress on our Strategic Plan by that time and should be in a position to incorporate recommendations from it.

25X1 3. Unless I hear to the contrary, I plan to hold updating the NTP until after you and the Secretary of Defense have had a chance to review and decide on any changes to the Imagery Community stemming from the study being conducted at the request of the HPSCI. Those changes, we well as others could then be incorporated into a revised NTP to be published in 1989.

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25X1 *I concur in Wayne's approach.
Rg.*
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